

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-121**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, Emergency Medical Service, fire departments, fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-26 and 40A:14-156.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NJMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act” App.A9-33 et. seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations” N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this municipality and/or fire district to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Burlington and other municipalities including, but not limited to, municipal police, Emergency Medical Service or fire departments, volunteer fire companies or EMS organizations and/or fire districts to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person or property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

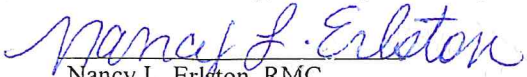
- A. That the Township of Florence is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Burlington County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement Between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.
- B. That the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Florence are hereby Authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Township of Florence.
- C. That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith file a Certified copy of the Resolution and an executed copy of the Agreement with Burlington County Department of Public Safety Services, Office of Emergency Management. Said Office shall serve as the central repository and shall maintain a master listing of all Participating Units to the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

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I, Nancy L. Erlston, Clerk of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their June 17, 2020 meeting.

  
Nancy L. Erlston, RMC  
Township Clerk

*Note: This Resolution approves an Agreement between the town and County of Burlington.*